

Glynn dents the celebrations!

By MICHAEL KNOX Wycombe Wanderers 4, Beaconsfield Utd 1

TERRY Glynn, who has looked particularly sharp since being dropped for one game a fortnight ago, scored two opportunist goals as Wycombe recorded a comfortable victory over battling Beaconsfield United in a friendly at Loakes Park on Tuesday.

He scored once in each half, as the Wanderers had a useful work-out against their London Spartan League opponents, who are celebrating their 60th anniversary this week with a series of special events.

This was one of them — their first ever match against the full Wycombe line-up and they came out of the match with much credit. Their performance should not dent their chances of being given Senior status this summer.

Indeed this was Beaconsfield's first defeat of any kind since November 1 — a run that stretches back 22 games. They head the Spartan Division One (the third division) and are still going strong in several cups.

Dangerous

The Rams, as they are called, made a confident start and could have taken the lead in the second minute. Gary Lester was in all sorts of trouble with a high cross from the right, and only a goalline clearance from Paul Birdseye prevented Phil Sewell scoring.

With the tricky Chris Wilkins showing plenty of pace Beaconsfield looked dangerous for a while but Wanderers soon started to control affairs on a hard bouncing pitch.

Terry Glynn won plenty of ball in the air and could easily have scored twice. His first effort was disallowed for a foul and then minutes later, he headed wide from close range.

They forced a succession of corners, but it was from a free-kick following a foul by John Harris on Scott that Wanderers took the lead. Howard Kennedy's 20 yard chip over the defensive wall

went in via the right hand post.

Two minutes later Glynn made it 2-0 running on to Simon Dexter's through pass and shooting on the turn from a narrow angle. It was a fine goal assisted by goalkeeper Julian Weber's rather unnecessary dash off his line.

For the rest of the half the Beaconsfield defence came under severe pressure but some timely interceptions from Harris and the stylish Brian Blackburn and a goalline clearance from Ian Powles prevented any more goals before half-time.

Powles, like his Beaconsfield team mate Mick Monaghan had a short spell with Wycombe last season,

and showed himself to be a sharp finisher.

Defender Monaghan was replaced at half-time, when Wycombe also made a couple of substitutions. One of those to come on was 19 year old central defender Anton Vircaus, signed from Pressed Steel earlier this season.

Header

Vircaus, who has been playing well in the Reserves, scored Wanderers third goal in the 70th minute with a close range header at the far post following Ken Wilson's accurate corner.

The moment, Beaconsfield's vociferous supporters had been waiting for came

ten minutes from time when Harris headed home from Powles' corner that had Lester in trouble.

But Wycombe, for whom the speedy Wilson had a dazzling second half, rounded off the scoring five minutes later when Kennedy's lobbed pass was guided in by the unmarked Glynn.

WYCOMBE: G. Lester; P. Birdseye, G. Borg (Sub: T. Lee 74 mins), R. Davies, K. Mead (sub: A. Vircaus 45 mins), S. Dexter, K. Wilson, H. Kennedy, T. Glynn, T. Scott (sub: G. Toll 45 mins).

BEACONSFIELD: J. Weber; J. Harris, M. Monaghan (sub: S. Redding 45 mins), M. Watt, B. Blackburn, M. Grimdsle, I. Barber (sub: A. Edwards 74 mins), M. Rand (sub: G. Williams 82 mins), C. Wilkins, P. Sewell, I. Powles.

Referee: M. Shea (H Wycombe). **Half-time 2-0. Scorers:** Wycombe — Kennedy (27 mins), Glynn 2 (29, 85), Vircaus (70); Beaconsfield — Harris (81).

Attendance 164.

Wanderers still in the title hunt

WYCOMBE Wanderers are back in with a chance of lifting the Berger Isthmian League Premier Division championship — ten days after they appeared to have thrown away their last chance.

The Blues fine 4-0 victory at Boreham Wood on Saturday, allied to a slip-up in Slough's form, means that Wycombe still lead the table by one point.

Slough have picked up only one point out of six from their last two matches against Enfield and Hitchin. But

they still have two games in hand and with a much easier run-in must still be odds on favourites to lift their first title.

They are at home to inform Hendon on Saturday, and of course meet Milton Keynes in the Berks and Bucks Senior Cup final at Aylesbury on Monday.

Wanderers, meanwhile, travel to Croydon on Saturday with a full complement of players. The only doubt concerns Bob Dell, still recovering from a bruised thigh. The forward line

worked so effectively at Boreham Wood on Saturday that there is unlikely to be any change.

Israel match

Wycombe have arranged two contrasting friendlies this coming week. On Wednesday they visit Alliance Premier League strugglers Wealdstone.

But the match of real interest comes on Thursday when the Blues entertain the full Israel international side, just five days before they meet Scotland in a World Cup qualifying tie.

This is a real-coup for Wycombe, whose fans will have a chance to see the Liverpool defender Avi Cohen, among others, in action at Loakes Park.

BERGER ISTHMIAN LEAGUE PREMIER DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Wycombe	39	21	8	10	70	43	71
Slough	37	19	13	5	58	29	70
Enfield	38	19	11	8	66	40	68
Leytonstone	37	17	10	10	68	50	61
Dagenham	40	17	10	13	76	62	61
Harrow	38	16	9	13	52	42	57
Sutton	33	15	10	8	61	48	55
Hendon	39	15	10	14	57	54	55
Staines	39	15	9	15	57	53	54
Tooting	41	15	7	19	48	52	52
Bromley	39	14	9	16	58	66	51
Hayes	36	15	6	15	35	44	51
Dulwich	40	13	11	16	61	64	50
Hitchin	37	13	8	16	59	54	47
*Barking	41	12	12	17	56	71	46
Leatherhead	40	11	13	16	34	49	46
Croydon	37	10	15	12	42	43	45
Carshalton	35	13	6	16	49	65	45
Harlow	39	10	14	15	45	58	44
Walthamstow	37	12	7	18	43	63	43
Boreham Wd	38	10	10	18	44	64	40
+Woking	38	10	6	22	36	81	33

* 2 pts deducted, + 3 pts deducted.